

ABSTRACT

WA-I-294

19th Century

Needy-Russel House

Hagerstown Vicinity

private

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

TA-1-284  
District 13  
Map 36  
Parcel 268

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MRCI # 220-5604  
598**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Needy-Russel House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Mt. Tabor Road and Kaiser Road

CITY, TOWN

Route # 4

☒ VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Stoylan L. Russel

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route # 4

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 351

Folio #: 126

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED < 50%

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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This house is located on the north side of Mt. Tabor Road, just east of Kaiser Ridge Road, near the Conococheague Creek, west of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on an area of high, level ground amid slate hills and faces south.

The structure is a two story, three bay dwelling with a two story, two bay ell extending to the rear or north. The entire structure is sheathed with composition siding. The front section of the house is believed to be of log construction while the ell is a frame addition.

Windows and doors appear to be placed symmetrically in the walls. Windows are relatively large in relation to wall area; those at the first story are quite long. They have two over two pane double hung sashes with plain casing, trimmed with a back band at the top edge.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. The door and transom are trimmed similarly to the windows. A one story entrance porch with a low hipped roof is supported by square posts trimmed with decorative curved brackets. Spanning the east wall of the ell is a two story porch also supported with square wooden posts between which run wooden balustrades.

Sheet metal sheathes the roof and extends beyond the end walls. Molded barge boards and deep returns finish the gables. The only remaining chimney is a concrete block flue at the exterior of the ell.

The house appears to be in good to excellent condition and stands on a lot containing two acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The house is believed to have been built by a Samuel Needy. Deed records indicate that Samuel Needy in several transactions between 1860 and 1884 purchased about 50 acres in this vicinity. (I 578, WMcK1/81, 75/693, 35/392). The 1860 deed was for about 21 acres which Samuel Needy purchased from David Needy. This land included parts of the land grants "Mt. Hope" and "Volgamots Industry." The property was owned by Samuel Needy until 1914. It has changed hands numerous times during the 20th century.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

June 1977

STREET &amp; NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

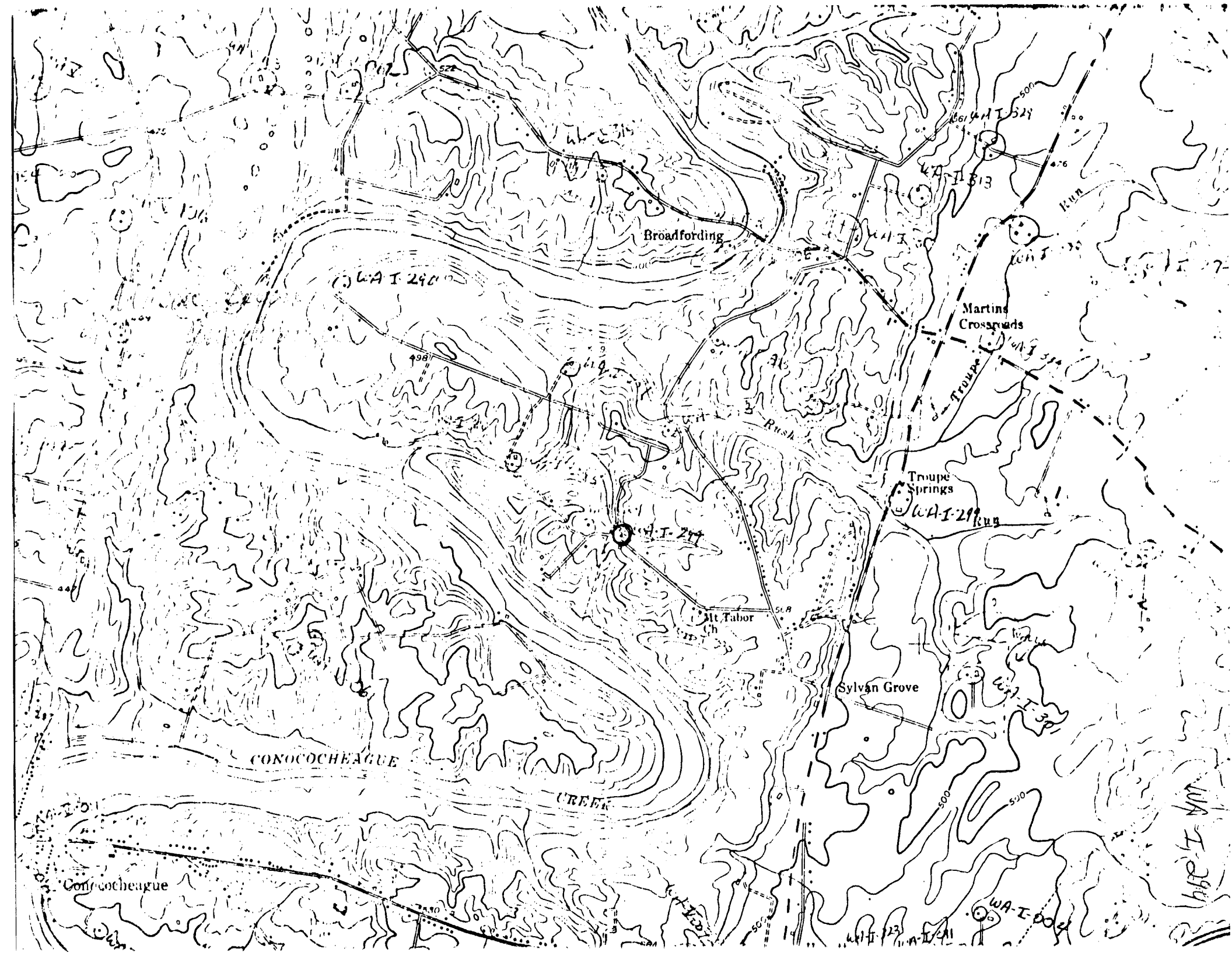
STATE

Maryland21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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